

Page 14, line 8, change "confronting" to --conforming--.

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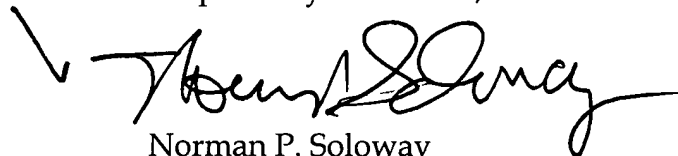
The Specification and Abstract have been amended to correct clerical errors, including those noted by the Examiner, and to employ more idiomatic English. No new matter has been entered by any of the foregoing amendments.

The claims have been amended to address the objections noted by the Examiner, correct other clerical errors, and to better define the claimed invention, and distinguish same from the prior art. More particularly, each of the independent claims has been amended to also recite an external bump electrically connected through said common wiring layer to said two or more chip electrodes, i.e. to stress redundancy characteristics and advantages of the present invention not found in any of the art of record. Suffice it to note, none of the art citations teaches including two or more chip electrodes on a common wiring layer, and connecting an external bump pad to the two or more electrodes through a common wiring layer, or the advantages in terms of reducing or avoiding the incidents of fault connections through the redundancy provided by the construction including two or more chip electrodes as required by the claimed invention. Accordingly, no combination of the art recited by the Examiner reasonably can be said to achieve or render obvious the claimed invention as set forth by the several independent claims 1, 6, 11 and 16, and the several claims dependent thereon.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, it is believed that the application now is in order for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

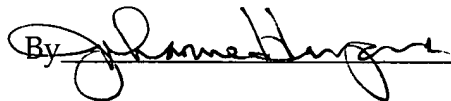
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